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**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** FW: Lyndale resident concerned about splitting of our neighborhood

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**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2012 8:17 PM  
**To:** [barry@bfclegg.com](mailto:barry@bfclegg.com)  
**Subject:** Lyndale resident concerned about splitting of our neighborhood

Dear Barry,

Thanks again for speaking with me last week and thank you for your service on the redistricting commission. I know it has been a long and time consuming process. I am writing to ask that you reconsider the current split of Lyndale neighborhood. I live on the east side of the neighborhood that is currently part of the 9th ward. Our little 12 square blocks is the ONLY part of that ward on the west side of 35W. Please understand that 35W is just like a lake, river or other geographic marker that truly separates us from the rest of the ward - we have little to no common interest with those on the east side and due to our incredibly small relative numbers the commission is basically marginalizing us for the next 10 years. What you also may not know about this small swatch of territory is that between Tubman women's shelter and Teen Challenge (both very transient populations) they account for almost half of our population.

I ask that you move to have Lyndale remain as one contiguous neighborhood. Geographically, we are one of the smallest neighborhoods and our density is due to highly transient populations in public housing at Horn Towers and institutions such as Harriet Tubman and Teen Challenge. Diluting our common interest only harms our more vulnerable populations and creates a situation where our council member will pay less attention to our needs than other, larger neighborhoods.

I would also like to point out that we have already been divided this way in the old 8th Ward from 1993 - 2005, we rarely saw our council member and although our constituent service improved after 2002, we were always an afterthought.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, I will be attending the public hearing tomorrow night along with many of our neighbors to have our voices heard. Please accommodate us this week so we can continue to be heard in the future.

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